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4. The Ministry of Communication returned the airport of Ferihegy to the Ministry of Defense. The airport is now under reconstruction and is designated as the future military airbase of Budapest. The only unit existing at this time, the Pilot School Company, formerly at Szolnok, recently moved to this base and is headed by Major Andor Lang, a Communist. This unit will probably be the nucleus of the future Pursuit Air Group.
5. It is planned to reconstruct the airfields of Kaposvár, Pécs, Deb, Mátyasföld, Szolnok and Kecskemét. It has been agreed that one Pursuit squadron will be stationed at Ferihegy, one reconnaissance squadron at Kecskemét, and an additional, but unknown, unit will be stationed at Börgönd, and another one at Székesfehérvár when the latter is returned to the Hungarian Ministry of Defense by the Russians.
6. According to the source, these plans shall be activated by fall (1948). He claims that one Soviet observer will be attached to each unit. During March, the Hungarian Government did not possess the necessary equipment and weapons. Pilots are to have one year's training course.
7. As of March, the Maszoviet Soviet-Hungarian Air Transport Company used the following airports: Miskolc, Nyiregyháza, Debrecen, Békéscsaba (formerly used only for light, so-called "sport" planes), Szeged, Ferihegy, Budaörs, Kaposvár, Pécs and Szombathely. On these fields no military activity was observed prior to March 1948. The Hungarian Ministry of Defense had only three fields in limited use: Szolnok, Kecskemét and Mátyasföld. The airfields of Börgönd, Veszprém, Veszprém-Szentkirályszabadja, Tapolca, Székesfehérvár, Pápa, Kiskunlacháza, Kenyeri, Kunszallás, are either occupied by Soviet forces or are not in operating condition. At Kunszallás one of the largest structures under construction will be able to house heavy bombers.
8. The airfield at Székesfehérvár houses the headquarters of a Soviet Air Force unit (unidentified), repair shops, and a few flights of Soviet planes. Kunszallás is also occupied by the Soviets, but no planes are stationed here. At the Kenyeri Airfield there are reportedly about 1,000 light pursuit and reconnaissance planes parked. At Pápa Airfield source saw approximately 1,500 pursuit and reconnaissance planes including a few light bombers, but he observed no activity on the field.
9. Russian authorities requested the Hungarian Ministry of Defense in September 1947 to purchase in the sector of Sopron-Győr-Tapolca-Szombathely adequate land for the establishment of approximately ten small airfields. The field sites were designated by the Soviets and the Ministry of Defense was requested to put them at the disposal of Soviet Air Forces after they had been completed. The land purchase for airfields has been confirmed by a recently discharged member of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who claims that land has been purchased for airfields at Besterháza s/d Neusidler See. During World War II, this ground was an anti-aircraft artillery training center.
10. In source's estimation, Red Army Forces in Hungary totaled approximately 20,000 to 25,000 in March. There are no Red Army soldiers in small towns and villages. Szombathely seems to have the largest concentration of Red Army soldiers.

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